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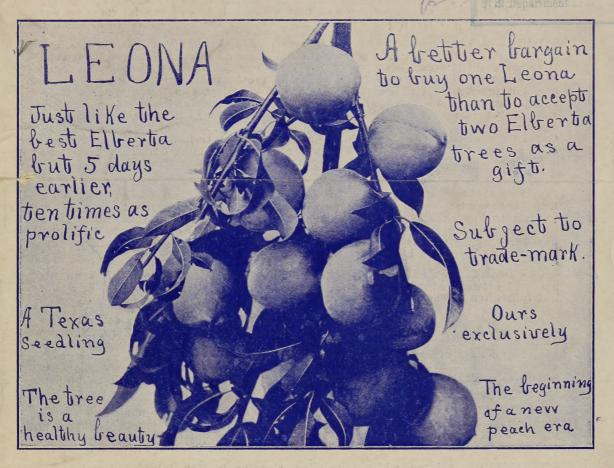
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## THE AUSTIN NURSERY

F. T. RAMSEY & SON AUSTIN, TEXAS



## Special New Trademarked and Copyrighted

# PLUMS and PEACHES

During the thirty-nine years which we have devoted exclusively to the nursery business, we have introduced many valuable varieties.

Recently we have acquired and tested some of the most valuable sorts we have ever seen, and are copyrighting not only the names, but the whole description.

By paying the highest price ever paid in Texas for the exclusive right to grow a variety, we got from Mr. Fowler AUGBERT, which had already been trademarked by him. And by paying a big royalty on every tree sold we have the right from Stark Bros. to grow and sell the Gold Plum, which they have trademarked, and we got also the right to grow Early Wheeler Peach, trademarked by the Texas Nursery Co.

We feel absolutely sure that so valuable a collection of new fruits was never before offered.

### **PEACHES**

Prices, except where noted: 50c each; \$5.00 a dozen; \$35.00 a 100

AUGBERT. A yellow freestone resembling Elberta, but ripens three or four weeks later. It is very much more regular and prolific in its crops, and of the very highest quality. It ripens for three or four weeks. It has proven its value on our black land as it has on the sandy land in Smith County, where it originated.

LANE. A Lane tree full of medium large golden clings, all of uniform size, and of the very highest quality, is a beautiful sight and its value is equal to its beauty. It ripens with Elberta. History: A few years ago Mr. Lane of Jacksonville found it as a seedling in his orchard, and got us to grow five hundred trees for his own use, but reserving all rights except that we could plant two trees in our test orchard. Last year we could stand the suspense no longer and wrote him to know what he would take for the variety with exclusive rights. He wrote us the same day to know if he could get us to grow a thousand more trees for his own use. Our letters met and passed each other on the night trains. He asked only the trees and we traded instanter. His trees are on sandy land, ours on black. This is the first time it has been listed or offered.

LEONA. Exactly like Elberta in color and size; better quality; ripens three days ahead of Elberta; immensely more prolific, and has borne every year while Elberta has missed often. We know we are justified in saying it is a better bargain to buy one Leona than to have two Elbertas given to you. It will pay back the 50 cents and put ten dollars in your pocket before the two Elbertas will pay \$8.00. The tree is slightly dwarfish, but of beautiful compact outline. See the cluster of fourteen big peaches on front page.

OCTOBERTA. Just like fine Elberta, but ripens the first of October. It has made a record between Austin and San Antonio, and created quite a sensation in Dallas last fall, when it was given a great write up by the News.

SURTIES. Buds of this, from the mother seedling, were sent us several years ago by Mr. Surties of Bexar County. The fruit is very much like Honey, but not so pointed. Tree a great robust grower and one of the most regular and prolific bearers we have ever known. Two and three and four years ago when the peach crop was almost a total failure, these trees bore well right along. The quality is superb. We have not a doubt but it will supplant Honey and still be of best value far north of Austin. Ripens June 20.

VERNST. This originated in the same orchard as Surties. We name it for good old Brother Ernst, who was selling for us and was instrumental in getting us the buds. Fruit medium large, white, freestone. Bears immensely—and has never failed. The trees are at the top for robustness and health. Ripens July 15.

WHEELER. A large, white, pure cling, ripening in May, introduced and trademarked by the Texas Nursery Co. We grow and sell it under a royalty. From Erath County northward into Oklahoma they are grown by carloads and those who have them plant more. Price: Large, heavy trees, \$1.00 each; \$10.00 a dozen. Lighter trees, 50c; \$5.00 a dozen; 100 trees, \$25.00; 300 trees, \$60.00; 500 trees, \$80.00.

### **PLUMS**

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BILONA. Seven years ago Mr. H. A. Biles of Denton County, reserving all commercial rights, had us grow him 2000 trees of a fine plum, a seedling on his place. We planted some trees in our test orchard, and they have borne five successive crops, and while some of these years have brought total failures to most other varieties, the Bilonas have been literally loaded. They have a most delicious flavor rarely met with. They are medium large, red, very firm, and are borne on the interior of the trees, preventing sunburn and the breaking of limbs. It is from seed of Chabot, and must be a cross with the large native wild plum. In spite of its heavy crops, the trees are in perfect health and are always of the most desirable outline.

It is certainly one of the plums that have come to stay. Our few trees paid at the rate of \$300.00 an acre this year.

We were pleased in closing a trade with Mr. Biles last winter which makes us the exclusive growers of this plum. See photo on back cover. Ripens June 20 to July 10.

Mr. Biles let some of his friends have some of the trees we grew for him and these are some of the testimonials from them:

#### **TESTIMONIALS**

Washington, D. C., June 28, 1909.

H. A. Biles:

I am in receipt of the box of Bilona plums. These came in excellent condition. On careful examination I find them to be a good plum in quality and very handsome in appearance. I have no doubt but this will be a valuable market variety.

G. B. BRACKETT, Pomologist.

From W. B. Baldwin, Palo Pinto County: I do not believe your Bilona plum is surpassed by any of the new or old varieties that I have seen or eaten. It has a

beautiful color, fair size, delicious flavor and its fine keeping and shipping qualities will certainly make it a winner as a market variety.

From Jasper Lacy, Denton County, April 8, 1913. I have fruited the Bilona Plum for four years without missing a crop. I find it very prolific—too prolific. Should be thinned. I consider it a fine general purpose plum.

From J. H. Withrow, Tarrant County, April 8, 1913. I fruited the Bilona Plum in 1912, three years after planting. I like them better than any plum I have ever grown. The quality is excellent.

From E. V. Dunn, Tarrant County. I have only fruited the Bilona one year. They are strong growing trees. I consider it one of the best out of about thirty varieties I have tested.

From M. R. Hurley, Tarrant County, April 8, 1913. I have two trees of the Bilona plum and they fruited last year, three years after planting. We canned eighteen half-gallons and ate a big lot of them. I have never seen a plum that I considered superior to it.

BIOLA. This is another of Mr. Biles' seedlings which we have the exclusive right to sell. It excels on nearly all scores, but especially on size, quality and lateness, ripening September 27. It looks like an extra large sweet Botan, firmer, of very best quality, and ripens after other such plums are all gone. Truly an epoch-making variety.

GOLD. Large, firm, July, glowing yellow, or when real ripe red on one side. Produced by Mr. Burbank and trademarked by Stark Brothers. After refusing us for fifteen years the right on any terms to grow it, we at last have secured the right on a big royalty. It thrives anywhere from the southern plum range to the high, windy plains country. Very sure bearer and a money maker.

TANWICK. A Botan and Wickson cross produced by Mr. Biles. Ripening the last of June. The samples sent by him to the meeting of the State Horticultural Society in 1912 were about the largest, finest and most delicious plums ever displayed. Its parentage is a guarantee of these qualities. A new plum has to be extra good to induce us to extend our already nearly perfect list, but Tanwick is worthy.

SPECIAL PRICES

To introduce all varieties, we offer the following special prices:

1 tree each variety, 11 trees, \$ 5.00 2 trees each variety, 22 trees, 9.00 6 trees each variety, 66 trees, 23.10

Buyers may select 12 or 100 trees from any number of varieties, and have advantage of regular dozen or hundred prices. 50 trees at 100 rates.

HUNDREDS OF OTHER VARIETIES

Our regular retail, descriptive catalog, describing hundreds of other varieties of fruits and ornamentals, will be sent free to anyone writing for it. We also have a booklet on "How To Make Your Home Grounds Beautiful," that is free. Ask us for both of these.

GRADE OF TREES. Prices are based on medium size, one-year tops, two-year roots, fine healthy trees. Larger or smaller trees, at corresponding prices.

#### A LAST WORD.

If you plant any of the peaches and plums herein listed, you had better have more ground available for orchard, for you will want more trees as soon as they bear.

